

# The Ford Connection

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## *The Thomas Ford Memorial Library*



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2018

## *An Evening at the Opera*

Sunday, May 6, 7 p.m.  
First Congregational Church  
1106 Chestnut Street  
No registration required.

An Evening at the Opera has consistently been the Library's biggest program of the year! For the 22nd annual concert, Western Springs' mezzo-soprano Janet Mensen Reynolds and her chorus friends will preview the Lyric Opera's 2018-2019 season. It is a full evening of song accompanied by stories from the operas and tales from the composers' lives. An Evening at the Opera is a free concert generously presented as a gift to the community by the family of Pauline and Elmer Kennedy. There will be one intermission and refreshments will be served after the concert.



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# ADULT

*Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.  
Register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520.*

## **Chocolate Candy Making with Delicious Creations**

**Tuesday, March 6, 7 p.m.**

Sue from Delicious Creations will show you how to make turtles, chocolate covered pretzels, raisins, nuts, and more!

## **Better Together**

**Thursdays, March 22 or May 3  
6:30-8 p.m.**

**Recommended for ages 5-10 w/one adult**  
In this process art program, parents and children will work together using art supplies to create their own unique masterpiece. The finished product will be a work of art worthy of any wall! Materials will be provided. Call or visit us to sign up.

## **Internet Safety & Security**

**Monday, March 26, 7 p.m.**

Learn practical tips that will help you create and protect secure passwords, spot email scams, and evaluate website safety.

## **Illinois at 200**

**Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m.**

Entertainer William Pack returns to the Library to help celebrate Illinois' bicentennial. Pack will take you through 200 years of history, testing your knowledge of state trivia including stories of the creation of the state and some strange, humorous Illinois lore. Prizes and more will be included in this fun-filled hour!

## **A Journey to Seeing**

**Monday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.**

Educator and speaker Reesheda Graham-Washington continues this series with new monologues and facilitated discussions that touch on themes of discrimination, justice, and what it's like to be a historically unseen member of society. Co-sponsored by the Churches of Western Springs.

## **Locked in the Library**

**Friday, April 13**

**Appointments available 5-8:30 p.m.**

Our popular escape rooms are back for more after-hours puzzles, hidden clues, and teamwork in the Library! Teams will work together to escape the library before time runs out. Sign up for a time slot by calling or stopping by the Reference Desk.

## **Antique Appraisal with Mark F. Moran**

**Monday, April 23rd**

**Time slots at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m.**

Have your antiques and collectibles appraised by author and antiques expert Mark F. Moran, who specializes in vintage folk art, Americana, and fine art. The first 40 people to sign up will each have one item appraised for free, in the order they are registered during each time slot. Excluded items include weapons, coins, and fine jewelry.

## **Pom-Pom Bluebirds**

**Tuesday, April 24, 7 p.m.**

Celebrate spring by creating a cute, soft bluebird from yarn! Please bring a dinner fork; all other materials will be provided.

## **The Sculpture of Auguste Rodin: Celebrating the Rodin Centennial**

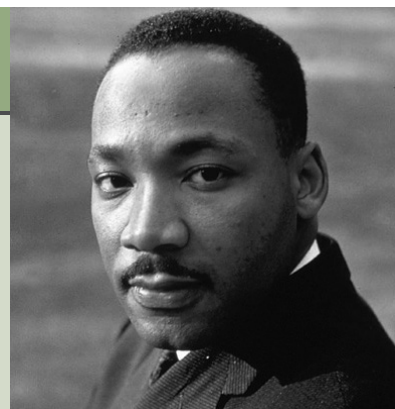
**Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m.**

Think you know "The Thinker?" Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses important examples of Rodin's work and places Rodin within the art historical context of late nineteenth century French art.

## **In the Belly of the Beast: Martin Luther King in Chicago**

**Thursday, April 26, 7 p.m.**

From Montgomery to Memphis to the Mountaintop, Martin Luther King's brief but profound life covered millions of miles and countless cities, including Chicago. His legacy here is remarkable and resonates still. Join historian Clarence Goodman for a look at this legendary stanza in an extraordinary life.



## **PAULINE KENNEDY GARDENING SERIES**

*Please join us for our spring gardening lectures, generously sponsored by the family of Pauline Kennedy.*

## **Shakespeare in the Wild**

**Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m.**

Join "Botanical Shakespeare" author Gerit Quealy for a lively discussion that will spark your imagination. Discover the ways in which we can find the Bard hiding all around us in the form of the plants, herbs, fruits, and trees that appear in Shakespeare's plays and poems.

## **Gardening as We Age**

**Monday, April 30, 2 p.m.**

Gardening is a healthful activity on many levels. In this Kennedy Gardening Lecture, learn ways to keep gardening safe and enjoyable over a lifetime from a Chicago Botanic Garden horticultural therapy expert.

## **Marvelous Miniatures**

**Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m.**

Landscape designer and educator Kathleen Obirek will demonstrate how to design and plant a miniature tabletop garden using easy-to-care-for succulent plants. Learn how to embellish the garden with miniature furniture and decorations.

## WE'RE GONNA PARTY LIKE IT'S 1818!



**MONDAY, MAY 7, 7 P.M.**

Celebrate Illinois' bicentennial by experiencing what parties in 1818 were like with Ellie of Ellie Presents! Sample the food, have your silhouette made, dance the dances, and hear the music that might have played as Illinois celebrated statehood.

## Rock Painting for Tweens - Adults

**Tuesday, May 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Adults, Teens, and Tweens are invited to take part in the popular art of rock painting. Make a colorful, inspirational creation for your garden, for your friends, or to hide around the neighborhood for someone to find! All materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own rocks.

## Flying Drones for Fun and Profit: What You Need to Know Before Getting Started

**Thursday, May 24, 7 p.m.**

Commercially licensed drone pilot, Dean Poignant, will discuss selecting a drone to purchase, federal and local regulations, safety while flying, and what unlicensed, recreational drone pilots may legally do. A Q&A session will follow, and a flying demonstration will take place at the conclusion of the program if weather and current airspace flight regulations permit.

## FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

*Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for these after-hours film discussions. No registration necessary.*

### Dunkirk (2017)

**Friday, March 9, 7 p.m.**

Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire and France are surrounded by the German Army, and evacuated during a fierce battle in World War II. (106 minutes)

### Served Like a Girl (2017)

**Friday, March 23, 7 p.m.**

A candid look at several American women as they transition from active duty to civilian life after serving tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. (103 minutes)

### Marshall (2017)

**Friday, April 6, 7 p.m.**

About a young Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, as he battles through one of his career-defining cases. (118 minutes)

### Chronic (2015)

**Friday, May 4, 7 p.m.**

A home care nurse works with terminally ill patients.

### Free to Run (2016)

**Friday, May 18, 7 p.m.**

Director Pierre Morath traces running's rise during the 1960s, examining how the liberation movements and newfound sense of personal freedom that defined the era took the sport out of the stadiums and onto the streets. (90 minutes)

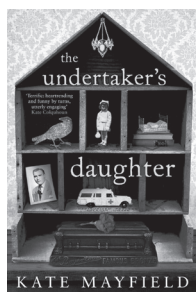
## Book Discussion Group

### *The Undertaker's Daughter*

by Kate Mayfield

**Wednesday, April 4  
7:30 p.m.**

The author's childhood home in 1960s Jubilee, Kentucky, was also her father's funeral home. Mayfield's poignant memoir offers a mischievous child's point of view on the business of death, while sharing stories—sometimes dramatic, sometimes funny—of their small segregated town and its residents, including her own troubled father.



### *Manhattan Beach*

by Jennifer Egan

**Wednesday, May 2**

**7:30 p.m.**

This riveting page-turner is set in the Brooklyn Naval Yard in WWII, where Anna Kerrigan, the feisty young woman at the book's center, becomes the yard's first female diver. Gangsters, a missing father, shipwrecks, suspense, and atmospheric detail move the action along in overlapping stories. The novel has been shortlisted for several best-of-2017 book prizes.



*Library book clubs are open to anyone who enjoys good books! Extra copies of the books are made available at the Library one month before the discussion. Book reviews and other information can be viewed at the Reference Desk.*



Registration is required for all Teen & Tween programs unless otherwise noted.

## Spanish Conversation Group

Sundays, March 4, 18, April 15

3-4 p.m.

Students looking for a little more practice, travelers wanting to brush up on vocab, or native speakers who are eager to share skills—the Thomas Ford Teen Board invites you to join para hablar, y practicar. Min 3/Max 20

## Drop-in Craft for Charity

Tuesday, March 20, 2-4 p.m.

Grades 4-12

Stop in to the Teen Lounge and help us spread some spring cheer with a craft project that will benefit others.

## After Hours Game Night

Friday, March 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Grades 8+

Bring your favorite tabletop games or play some of ours! Snacks and drinks provided.

## Learn To Solder

Thursday, April 26, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 7+

Do you aspire to building and fixing your own electronics? Learn soldering basics and make a functional die in this hands-on introduction to printed circuit board soldering. Min 3/Max 8

# Summer Volunteer Training



## High School Exam Cram

Tuesday, May 29, Wednesday, May 30

3-7 p.m.

Come to study and snack with your friends, or do some last-minute cramming. We have quiet places and group study space for all. Drop in.

## Teen Board

If you've been thinking about joining Teen Board, now's the time! This spring will be a big season with lots of planning for future programs. Teen Board is the completely teen-run library support organization responsible for past programs like Career Conversations, Passport Adventure for kids, Spanish Conversation Group, Music by the Fire, and more. If you're in 8th-12th grade, we'd love for you to join us in planning The Human Library and summer fun! We meet monthly based on participant availability. Contact [heather@fordlibrary.org](mailto:heather@fordlibrary.org) for details.

# BOOK CLUBS

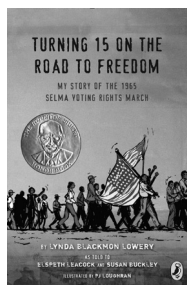
## Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesdays, March 7, April 4, 25,

May 9, 23, 4-5 p.m.

The Next Chapter Book Club is a community-based book club for teens and young adults with special needs and their friends. We enjoy being transported to different worlds through shared reading.

This spring we will be reading *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery. Min. 2/Max 8

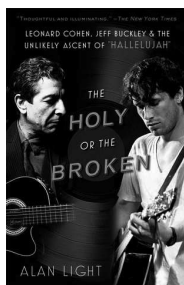


## Outstanding Books for the College Bound Book Club

Tuesdays, March 20, May 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

Grades 8+

We will discuss *The Holy or the Broken: Leonard Cohen, Jeff Buckley & the Unlikely Ascent of Hallelujah* by Alan Light (230p) at our first meeting and select the next title from the Outstanding Books for the College Bound list. We will meet every six weeks. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk. Min 3/Max 12



## Coming in June: The Human Library

We know not to judge books by their covers, but what about people? The Human Library™ is an interactive experience designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. The Human Library is an event where real people act as books to be on loan to readers. Our event will focus on international backgrounds and global experiences. If you are interested in participating by sharing your story, contact [heather@fordlibrary.org](mailto:heather@fordlibrary.org). This event is sponsored by the TFML Teen Board.

# Locked in

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Appointments available  
5 -8:30 p.m.





Tuesday, May 22, 4-5 p.m.  
 Thursday, May 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, June 3, 10-11 a.m.

Spread some library love this summer by becoming a Summer Reading Volunteer! Have fun, earn volunteer service hours, and become a vital part of the Library. Volunteers must have completed 6th grade. Applications are available after May 1st at <http://fordlibrary.org/teens> or in the Library. One training session is mandatory for all volunteers.



### TFL Squad

Mondays, March 5, April 2, May 7  
 4-5 p.m.

TFL Squad is our all-in-one book/craft club for tweens who love all things library. Bring a friend or two!

**March:** *All the Answers* by Kate Messner

**April:** *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

**May:** *Jacky Ha-Ha* by James Patterson

### DIY Days

**PEEP Houses:**

Wednesday, March 28, 1-2 p.m.

**Rock Candy:**

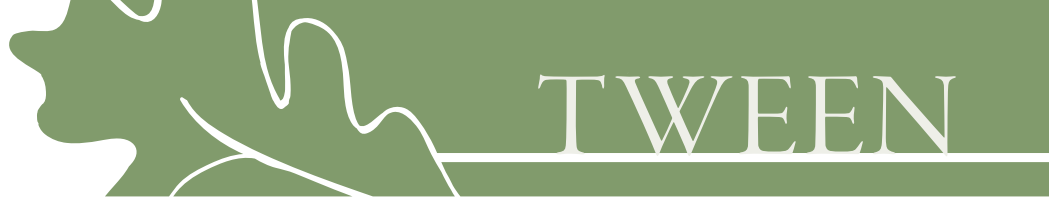
Wednesday, May, 14, 4-5 p.m.

DIY Days are events planned throughout the school year where tweens are inspired to create things on their own. From awesome art projects to cool science experiments, the possibilities are oh so endless.



## the Library

Our popular escape rooms are back for more after-hours puzzles, hidden clues, and teamwork in the Library! Teams will work together to escape the library before time runs out. Sign up for a time slot by calling or stopping by the Reference Desk.



# TWEEN

Registration is required for all Teen & Tween programs unless otherwise noted.  
 Tween programs are for grades 4-8.

### STEAM Club

**Build a Wind Turbine**

Wednesdays, April 11, 25, May 9  
 4-5:30 p.m.

In honor of Earth Day, learn where our energy comes from using a 3D printer and littleBits to build wind turbines. A wind turbine works the opposite of a fan. Instead of using electricity to make wind, a turbine uses wind to make electricity that eventually leads to your home. Join us after school for this three-session program as we build wind turbines and help to build a better world!

**Coloring with littleBits Bristlebots**

Wednesday, May 23, 4-5:30 p.m.

Create your own masterpiece using littleBits and toothbrush heads to create a moving robot that buzzes, spins, and twirls. This hands-on activity introduces kids to engineering concepts and the design process.



### Learn to 3D Print

Tuesday, March 27, 1-5 p.m.

Now that our 3D printer is built, learn to 3D print over spring break. You can print virtually anything that fits the print bed area—the only limit is your imagination. Please sign up online for one of the four time slots available. Please note that the time slots are in 1 hour increments. Maximum 3 people per session.

### Zumba

Thursday, March 29, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Get moving with Zumba, the most awesome workout ever! You can dance to great music with kids your age and have a ton of fun while getting the exercise your body needs.

### Invention Club

Monday, May 21, 4-5 p.m.

This was an idea first mentioned in one of our STEAM Club meetings that has now become a reality. With this club we are hoping to empower the next generation of innovators by helping them to develop their ideas into inventions. If you are interested please come to the first meeting and bring a friend. No idea is too small!

### Rock Painting for Tweens - Adults

Tuesday, May 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Adults, Teens, and Tweens are invited to take part in the popular art of rock painting. Make a colorful, inspirational creation for your garden, for your friends, or to hide around the neighborhood for someone to find! All materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own rocks.

# YOUTH

Registration is required for all programs and storytimes unless otherwise noted and begins on Tuesday, March 6.

Have your library card ready to register online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520. First preference will be given to Western Springs residents.



## DOT the Storyteller

Monday, March 19, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Families Welcome

Dot Kane is a Chicago area storyteller who has been entertaining young children and their families for 30 years. She gets her audiences laughing, moving and learning. It's stand-up comedy for kids!

### Book-to-Art Club

Tuesdays, March 13, April 3

4:30-5:15 p.m., Grades 1-3

**March 13:** We'll create our own outrageous hats before we read *You Must Bring a Hat* by Simon Philip—it's a requirement if you want to be invited to the party!

**April 3:** We'll read and discuss *Our Community Garden* by Barbara Pollak and then experiment with veggie printing.

### Wrinkle in Time Adventure

Tuesday, March 20, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Do you enjoy experimenting and obstacle courses? Join us for a fun adventure packed with STEAM activities from this movie.

Snacks will be served during this event.

Please notify us of any allergies.

### R.E.A.D. to the Dogs @ the Library

Tuesdays, March 13, April 10, May 8

7-8 p.m.

Read one-on-one with one of the dogs from the Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet Assisted Learning Program! This pressure-free program encourages confidence in young readers. Sign up for one 15-minute time slot either in person or by phone. No parents or siblings, please.

### Family Storytime

Thursdays, March 15, April 19

6:45-7:30 p.m.

Best suited for ages 2 yrs. and up

Join us as we read stories, sing songs and make a craft in this special evening storytime for families. Kids are welcome to dress in comfy clothes or jammies!

**March 15:** Spring Cleaning

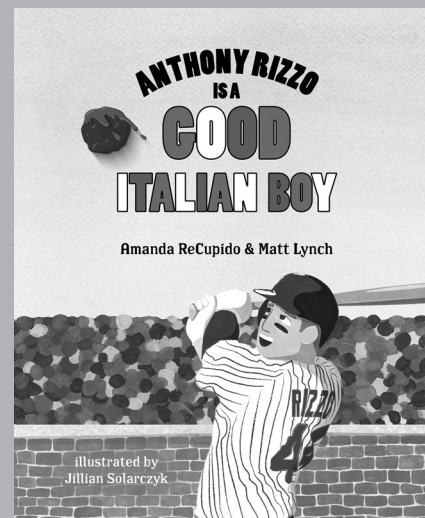
**April 19:** Time to Read Your Veggies!

## ANTHONY RIZZO IS A GOOD ITALIAN BOY

Saturday, April 7, 2-2:45 p.m.

Families Welcome

Join local authors Amanda ReCupido and Matt Lynch for a reading of their debut children's book, *Anthony Rizzo Is a Good Italian Boy*, which follows the Chicago Cubs first baseman as he demonstrates good behavior for children to model. Following the reading, there will be a Q&A, pages to color, and books available for purchase and signing.



## Jeanie B! Family Music Concert



Thursday, April 5  4:30-5:15 p.m.  
Families welcome

Join us for a fun musical concert with Jeanie B! She will make us dance and sing. She effortlessly and artistically promotes early literacy skills, reading, personal values, and love of learning in her show.



## Better Together

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6:30-8 p.m.

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In this process art program, parents and children will work together using art supplies to create their own unique masterpiece. The finished product will be a work of art worthy of any wall! Materials will be provided. Call or visit us to sign up.

## Candy Sushi

Tuesday, April 24, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

Come to our candy sushi workshop to make real-looking sushi from delicious candy treats while learning a bit about Japanese culture. Please notify us of any allergies.

## Mother's Day Special

Tuesday, May 8, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Ages 4 yrs. and up

April showers bring May flowers, so let's make a special floral surprise for Mother's Day!

# Spring Storytimes

March 12 - April 20

## Read 'n' Rhyme Romp

Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays

10-10:30 a.m.

3-23 months w/adult

It's never too early to help your baby grow up to love books and language! Share stories, songs, and rhymes with your little one in this "lap-sit" program.

## Toddler Time

Wednesdays or Thursdays

10-10:30 a.m.

OR Thursdays, 11-11:30 a.m.

2-3.5 years w/adult

Introduce your toddler to early literacy storytimes which help build the foundation of reading. We pair short books with songs and rhymes to engage them. Participation of caregivers with their toddlers is important in order to help them learn while they are having fun.

## Storytime Pals

Mondays or Wednesdays, 1-1:30 p.m.

3.5-5 years

Hear stories, sing songs, and have fun with your friends. Storytimes will highlight early literacy skills that children need to learn before they can read. Children attend this storytime without their grown-ups so that they can practice independence.

*Read 'n' Rhyme Romp and Toddler Time work best if there is one child to one adult. Sessions fill up quickly. Please help us by attending those programs for which you are registered. If you cannot attend all of the dates in one session, let us know. We will put your name on the waiting list for open spots.*

## THE THOMAS FORD LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Thomas Ford Library Foundation Board begins the new year with some changes to our roster of directors. We would like to recognize the contributions of our outgoing directors Bob Bures and Terri Smartz. Both have been valuable members of our board, and we deeply appreciate their years of service and dedication to the Library. Also, the Foundation Board would like to welcome Anne Kozak as a new Foundation Director. Anne formerly served as Director of the Library and remains an advocate for excellence in library service.

*Questions about the Foundation? Please contact Ted Bodewes, Library Director, or Leslie Karas, Foundation Chair, at 708-246-0520 or bodewes@fordlibrary.org.*

## The Ford Member Connection

As Carol Ann Shudlick, she won the 1994 Wade Trophy (given to the nation's best women's college basketball player) and went on to play professionally in the U.S. and internationally. She's now Carol Ann Smith, wife, mother of three, and Program Director for the 3rd/4th grade Academy for Girls at the Chicago LockDown, where she passes on her basketball knowledge and skills to the next generation. Visit our website to find out more about this interesting and inspiring member of our Library.

## The Western Springs Library Friends



Friday, April 20, 6-8 p.m.

*Friends members only\**

Saturday, April 21, 8-1 p.m.

Sunday, April 22, 11-1 p.m.

*Bag sale prices*

*\*Memberships can be bought at the door and the Circulation Desk*

All proceeds from the Book and Bake Sale and the lobby book cart fund Library programs.

Interested in volunteering at the Book Sale? Contact Ann at annweithers@gmail.com

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### Library Hours

**Monday - Thursday**  
9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
**Friday & Saturday**  
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### Library Closings

The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 1 for Easter and Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.



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## NEW TECH TOOLS

Our Tech Tools are not just for teens. The Library has a variety of items you can check out with your library card, including:

- A GoPro Camera
- Roku that give you access to Netflix and Hulu
- Mini projectors for entertainment or presentations
- Projection screens
- A VHS to Digital converter

Ask at the Reference Desk to check one out today!

### Investment Discussion Group

Second Tuesdays  
March 13, April 10, May 8  
7:15 p.m.

Local amateur investors meet to discuss trends in stocks, bonds, and more.

### Knitting Circle

Every other Thursday  
March 1, 15, 29,  
April 12, 26, May 10, 24  
1 p.m.

Join us for knitting, conversation, and light refreshments.



## JOIN A GROUP

*These ongoing Library groups are  
free for all to attend;  
no registration required.*

### Western Springs Writers' Society

Thursdays and Mondays  
March 8, 26, April 12, 30, May 10, 21  
7 p.m.

Have a writing itch? The Western Springs Writers' Society (WSWS) welcomes all writers from the community to discuss and hone their craft with other local writers.

See the Teen section for info on the Spanish Conversation Group.